

## ***Reviews and Bibliographical Notices.***

### **I.—TREATMENT OF THE INSANE IN THE UNITED STATES.**

*(Continued from last No.)*

**REPORTS FROM ASYLUMS FOR THE INSANE IN THE UNITED STATES.** Reports from the following Asylums have been received and used in this notice: State Lunatic Hospital, Northampton, Mass., 1879; State Lunatic Hospital, Harrisburg, Pa., 1879; Insane Asylum North Carolina, Raleigh, 1878; Kansas State Asylum, Osawatomie, 1878; Connecticut Hospital for Insane, Middletown, 1877 (biennial); Insane Asylum State of California, Stockton, 1877; Eastern Kentucky Asylum, Lexington, 1878; Eastern Lunatic Asylum Virginia, Williamsburg, 1878; New York City Lunatic Asylum, Blackwell's Island, 1877; New York City Asylum, Ward's Island, 1877; City Hospital, Boston, 1879; Alabama Insane Hospital, Tuscaloosa, 1878; Pennsylvania Hospital for Insane, Philadelphia, 1878; State Asylum for Insane Criminals, Auburn, N. Y., 1878; Butler Hospital for Insane, Providence, R. I., 1878; Willard Asylum for the Insane, Ovid, N. Y., 1878; Northern Hospital for Insane, Elgin, Ill., 1878; State Lunatic Hospital, Utica, N. Y., 1878; West Virginia Hospital for the Insane, Weston, Va., 1878; Illinois Southern Hospital for Insane, Anna, Ill., 1878; State Homeopathic Asylum for Insane, Middletown, N. Y., 1878; Longview Asylum, Cincinnati, Ohio, 1878; Virginia Western Lunatic Asylum, Staunton, Va., 1877-78; State Hospital for the Insane, Danville, Pa., 1877-78; Lunatic Asylum No. 1, Fulton, Mo., 1878; Iowa Hospital for the Insane, Mount Pleasant, Iowa, 1876-77; Indiana Hospital for the Insane, Indianapolis, Ind., 1878; Central Hospital for the Insane, Jacksonville, Ill., 1878; New Hampshire Asylum for the Insane, Concord, N. H., 1879; Western Pennsylvania Hospital, Dixmont, Pa., 1878; Dayton Asylum for the Insane, Dayton, Ohio, 1878; Wisconsin State Hospital for the Insane, Madison, Wis., 1878; New Jersey State Lunatic Asylum, Trenton, N. J., 1878; Western Kentucky Asylum, Hopkinsville, Ky., 1878; South Carolina Lunatic Asylum, Columbia, 1878; Lunatic Asylum of the State of Georgia, Milledgeville, 1878; State Lunatic Hospital, Taunton, Mass., 1878; Cleveland Asylum for the Insane, Cleveland, Ohio, 1878; State Asylum for the Insane, Morristown, N. J., 1878; State Lunatic Hospital, Danvers, Mass., 1878; State Lunatic Asy-

abuses to spring up and flourish within the precincts of asylums hitherto in good repute, so frequently. We are aware that this subject is one of peculiar difficulty, one which has engaged the anxious attention of conscientious medical officers of these institutions for years. No *system*, however wise, there is reason to think, could provide at all points against abuses and failures in administration. While it will be impracticable for us in this notice, to enter fully upon the discussion of this subject, yet we will not dismiss it without calling attention to it, with emphasis.

Since writing this notice we have received the reply of the Committee of the New York Neurological Society, to that of the State Senate Committee, at Albany, and which latter has been already noticed at length in a former issue of the JOURNAL. We have also received the report of the meeting of prominent citizens in New York City, which had for its object the inauguration of asylum reform. But though they are instructive they do not require any change in the statements we have already made, but rather confirm them. We shall watch with no little interest the progress of reform where it is needed and practicable in the management of the insane, whether within or without the asylum association, with a rather firm confidence that the time will not be long until this practical subject will be placed on a better basis and in a better light than ever before.

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## II.—NOTHNAGEL: DIAGNOSIS OF BRAIN DISEASE.

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TOPISCHE DIAGNOSTIK DER GEHIRNKRANKHEITEN. EINE KLINISCHE STUDIE. Von Dr. Herman Nothnagel, a. ö. Professor der Pathologie und Therapie, Director der medicinischen Klinik in Jena. Berlin, 1879. (*The Local Diagnosis of Cerebral Diseases. A Clinical Study.*)

Amongst the various works on the localization of cerebral disease that have made their appearance during the past four or five years, the one the title of which is given above, is preëminent in many respects. None of its predecessors can be said to fill the field it occupies so fully or satisfactorily; as a rule, they have attempted more and done less. We do not except any works we are acquainted with in making this statement. It embodies the results of later investigations and observations, and of a complete knowledge of the subject, and is written, moreover, in such a careful, scientifically critical spirit, that while it may and will be added to and amended, its positive conclusions will not be readily overthrown. The remarks, therefore, made by us some years since in a notice, in this journal, of Bastian's Paralysis from Brain Disease, that it met a want in medical literature, are equally appropriate when speaking of the present